

From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAQUINN
Date: Thu. Feb 13, 2003 8:19 AM
Subject: Fwd: keep line sharing

From: eleastlansing <eleastlansing@yahoo.com>
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 8:19 AM
Subject: keep line sharing

We must keep line sharing, it is good for competition

Dan Bakita

From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAQUINN
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 10:46 AM
Subject: Fwd: RE: Line Sharing

From: MKLOUIE@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 10:46 AM
Subject: RE: Line Sharing

Please keep line sharing as is

Eliminating line sharing will lead to less choice and competition, and higher prices for consumers and small business for broadband services.

It also would slow the penetration of broadband services across the country delaying key benefits that can help the economy

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Melvin Louie

From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAQUINN
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 11:01 AM
Subject: Fwd: line sharing

From: TPRESCH1@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 11:01 AM
Subject: line sharing

please keep line sharing on copper lines ,competition is good for america

From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAUINN
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 11:48 AM
Subject: Fwd: UNE-P

From: district35@sov.state.va.us
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 11:48 AM
Subject: UNE-P

Please see attached letter from Senator Richard Saslaw, Minority Leader,
Senate of Virginia.

(See attached file: Abernathy.doc)

Janet Muldoon
Legislative Assistant
District 35
Senate of Virginia



February 13, 2003

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

My constituents who are consumers of local phone services, and for that matter nearly all Virginians, have been waiting seven years to get the lower prices and expanded services that were supposed to come when the Telecom Act of 1996 declared the Bell companies' regional monopolies open to competition. Now, just as local phone competition is beginning to take hold in some states and consumers are receiving tangible benefits, it looks like the FCC is ready to pull the rug out from under wide-spread competition and actually strengthen Verizon's monopoly.

This would happen if new rules were promulgated that overturn the Telecom Act requirement that the Bells offer competitors access to the unbundled network elements platform (UNE-P) at reasonable wholesale rates under reasonable terms and conditions. As you know, this leasing arrangement has facilitated virtually all of the non-business local phone competition that's taken root so far. Consumers in many states now enjoy lower phone prices and better value because of the availability of UNE-P. We want this in Virginia, but it will not happen in our lifetimes if the FCC kills these network-leasing requirements and stifles competition along with it. And while CATV does offer the prospect of an alternative to Verizon's services, the cable industry continues to aggressively pursue bundled services that include telephone as part of an entertainment package, but for obvious reasons do not appeal to all Virginians. First prospective customers must have cable access, then they must be able to afford the bundle of services: continuation of UNE-P does not impose these restrictions/pre-conditions on the consumer.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Saslaw
Minority Leader
Senate of Virginia

From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAQUINN
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 2:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: KEEP Line-Sharing!! Otherwise, prices will ONLY GO UP(like cableTV)

From: KENfromTN100@aol.com
To: traceross@aol.com
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 2:08 PM
Subject: KEEP Line-Sharing!! Otherwise, prices will ONLY GO UP(like cableTV)

Commissioner,

Without Competition, VOICE&DATA SERVICES WILL ONLY GO UP....JUST LIKE CABLE TV

For the sake of the Consumers.....PLEASE KEEP LINE-SHARING

Thank You for your consideration

From: Kathy Naquin
To: Kathy Naquin
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 9:52 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Breaux
Senator Landrieu
Representative Baker
Message text follows:

Kathy Naquin
11445 Kirby Road
Denham Springs, LA 70726

February 13, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

Millions of Americans like me could have their phone service threatened if the local phone companies aren't required to allow competitors access to the market. I'm also concerned about the Commission's move to relieve all broadband Internet access facilities of open access obligations.

Both of these key decisions will limit my choices as a consumer by lessening competition, diminishing cost savings and threatening consumer protections. As a constituent, I urge you to support competition and open access for local phone service.

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From: Kevin O'Grady
To: Christopher Libertelli, Daniel Gonzalez, Commissioner Adelstein, Jordan Goldstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Lisa Zaina, Matthew Brill, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 2:30 PM
Subject: Triennial Review Comments: Minnesota PUC

Please find attached comments filed on behalf of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the matter of the FCC's Triennial Review, Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 8 98-147.

February 13, 2003

The Hon. Michael Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20544

RE In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 01-361 (rel. Dec. 20, 2001).

Dear Chairman Powell:

We are writing in response to Qwest's January 30, 2003, ex parte filing in the instant docket. Therein, Qwest proposed a framework for immediately eliminating the availability of UNE-P in some geographic areas, and for transitioning away from UNE-P in other areas. That proposal appears to have support from two state utility commissioners, Bob Rowe of Montana and Joan Smith of Oregon.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), emphatically, does not support Qwest's proposal. The MPUC has filed comments in the instant docket (January 24, 2003) indicating the critical necessity of preserving UNE-P on the FCC's national UNE list, and the importance to Minnesota of maintaining maximum state discretion over adding UNEs to a national list.

We urge the Commission to (i) make it clear that no preemption is intended or should be implied with respect to state additions to the national UNE list; (ii) that such a list should, at a minimum, include all existing UNEs; (iii) that carriers wishing to remove a UNE from the list must make a factual case before a state commission; (iv) that any UNE subject to challenge remain on the list until the state commission makes a finding that it should be removed; (v) that the Commission should caucus extensively with state commissions before promulgating "necessary and impair" standards; and (vi) that the Commission should confirm its previous ruling that states retain the right to add UNEs to the national list.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us for additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chairman LeRoy Koppendraye

Id Commissioner Gregory Scott

/s/ Commissioner Marshall Johnson

Id Commissioner Phyllis Reha

/s/ Commissioner Ellen Gavin

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East
Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

cc: Commissioner Abernathy
Commissioner Adelstein
Commissioner Copps
Commissioner Martin
Lisa Zaina
Matthew Brill
Jordan Goldstein
Dan Gonzalez
Christopher Libertelli

From: Landon Taylor
To: Landon Taylor
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 10:16 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Frist
Representative Wamp
Message text follows:

Landon Taylor
4010 Banner Crest Dr
Ooltewah, TN 37363

February 13, 2003

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Landon R. Taylor

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Sincerely,

Landon R. Taylor

From: Larry Chaney
To: Larry Chaney
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 3:35 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Shelby
Senator Sessions
Representative Cramer
Message text follows:

Larry Chaney
114 Van Fleet Drive
Florence, AL 35630

February 13, 2003

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Sincerely,

Larry & Margaret Chaney

From: Laura Adams
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu. Feb 13, 2003 2:22 PM
Subject: keep line sharing!

Please don't eliminate line sharing. It is wrong to undermine competition! **As** a small business owner I am worried about my bottom line. This will create higher prices for broadband services, not lower them. Why in the world would you see it any other way?

Please think about the many people who have to count their pennies when trying to make a profit!
Laura Adams
5301 Mohawk Ln
Fairway, KS 66205

From: Leonard Pukaite
To: Leonard Pukaite
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 11:44 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Kennedy
Senator Kerry
Representative McGovern
Message text follows:

Leonard Pukaite
14 Bunker Hill Parkway
West Boylston, MA 01583

February 13, 2003

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Sincerely,

Leonard Pukaite

From: Linda Dauernheim
To: Linda Dauernheim
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 2:54 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Hutchison
Senator Cornyn
Representative Smith
Message text follows:

Linda Dauernheim
2170 Thousand Oaks Apt. 438Q
San Antonio, TX 78232-2566

February 13, 2003

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Sincerely,

Linda Dauernheim

From: Mark Cooper
To: Mike Powell, Kevin Martin, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 9:58 AM
Subject: Review of the Section **251** Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

February 12, 2003

Chairman Michael K. Powell
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 01-338

Dear Commissioners:

We the undersigned consumer organizations write to express our support for the approach to UNE issues summarized in the February 6 **ex** parte filing submitted by NARUC. We believe that this approach represents a reasonable framework for addressing the availability of unbundled network elements while preserving an environment that promotes competition and protects consumers.

The benefits that consumers are just now beginning to **see** in the telecommunications marketplace have come about largely due to the diligence of state utility regulators who, in recent years have worked hard to implement the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Our support of the NARUC framework emphasizes our view that the FCC should not restrict the ability of state regulators to fulfill their Congressionally assigned role of keeping local markets open and wholesale prices fair and reasonable. Working together the FCC and state regulators can protect and enhance competition for the benefit of consumers.

Sincerely,

Consumer Federation of America
Consumers Union
Media Access Project

From: Martha J
To: Martha J
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 6:45 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Campbell
Senator Allard
Representative McInnis
Message text follows:

Martha J
Hill
Pueblo, CO 81005

February 13, 2003

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Sincerely,

Martha J

From: Maurice Ware
To: Maurice Ware
Date: Thu, Feb 13, 2003 2:53 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Reid
Senator Ensign
Message text follows:

Maurice Ware
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Las Vegas, NV 89117-2427

February 13, 2003

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Sincerely,

Maurice J. Ware